

1-1 By: Deuell S.B. No. 1827
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2013; March 20, 2013, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
 1-4 April 17, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 17, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to an additional fee for filing civil cases in certain
 1-18 Rockwall County courts.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 51, Government Code, is
 1-21 amended by adding Section 51.709 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 51.709. ADDITIONAL FILING FEE FOR CIVIL CASES IN
 1-23 ROCKWALL COUNTY. (a) This section applies only to district
 1-24 courts, statutory probate courts, county courts at law, and justice
 1-25 courts in Rockwall County.

1-26 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this section and in
 1-27 addition to all other fees authorized or required by other law, the
 1-28 clerk of a court shall collect a filing fee of not more than \$15 in
 1-29 each civil case filed in the court to be used for the construction,
 1-30 renovation, or improvement of the facilities that house the courts
 1-31 collecting the fee.

1-32 (c) Court fees due under this section shall be collected in
 1-33 the same manner as other fees, fines, or costs are collected in the
 1-34 case.

1-35 (d) The clerk shall send the fees collected under this
 1-36 section to the county treasurer at least as frequently as monthly.
 1-37 The treasurer shall deposit the fees in a special account in the
 1-38 county treasury dedicated to the construction, renovation, or
 1-39 improvement of the facilities that house the courts collecting the
 1-40 fee.

1-41 (e) This section applies only to fees for a 12-month period
 1-42 beginning July 1, if the commissioners court:

1-43 (1) adopts a resolution authorizing a fee of not more
 1-44 than \$15; and

1-45 (2) files the resolution with the county treasurer not
 1-46 later than June 1 immediately preceding the first 12-month period
 1-47 during which the fees are to be collected.

1-48 (f) A resolution adopted under Subsection (e) continues
 1-49 from year to year until July 1, 2025, allowing the county to collect
 1-50 fees under the terms of this section until the resolution is
 1-51 rescinded.

1-52 (g) The commissioners court may rescind the resolution
 1-53 adopted under Subsection (e) by adopting a resolution rescinding
 1-54 the resolution and submitting the rescision resolution to the county
 1-55 treasurer not later than June 1 preceding the beginning of the first
 1-56 day of the county fiscal year. The commissioners court may adopt an
 1-57 additional resolution in the manner provided by Subsection (e)
 1-58 after rescinding a previous resolution under that subsection.

1-59 (h) A fee established under a particular resolution is
 1-60 abolished on the earlier of:

1-61 (1) the date a resolution adopted under Subsection (e)

2-1 is rescinded as provided by Subsection (g); or
2-2 (2) July 1, 2025.

2-3 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 101, Government Code, is
2-4 amended by adding Section 101.061191 to read as follows:

2-5 Sec. 101.061191. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT FEES FOR COURT
2-6 FACILITIES: GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a district court in
2-7 Rockwall County shall collect an additional filing fee of not more
2-8 than \$15 under Section 51.709 in civil cases to fund the
2-9 construction, renovation, or improvement of court facilities, if
2-10 authorized by the county commissioners court.

2-11 SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 101, Government Code, is
2-12 amended by adding Section 101.08119 to read as follows:

2-13 Sec. 101.08119. ADDITIONAL STATUTORY COUNTY COURT FEES FOR
2-14 COURT FACILITIES: GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory county
2-15 court in Rockwall County shall collect an additional filing fee of
2-16 not more than \$15 under Section 51.709 in civil cases to fund the
2-17 construction, renovation, or improvement of court facilities, if
2-18 authorized by the county commissioners court.

2-19 SECTION 4. Subchapter F, Chapter 101, Government Code, is
2-20 amended by adding Section 101.10118 to read as follows:

2-21 Sec. 101.10118. ADDITIONAL STATUTORY PROBATE COURT FEES FOR
2-22 COURT FACILITIES: GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory
2-23 probate court in Rockwall County shall collect an additional filing
2-24 fee of not more than \$15 under Section 51.709 in civil cases to fund
2-25 the construction, renovation, or improvement of court facilities,
2-26 if authorized by the county commissioners court.

2-27 SECTION 5. Subchapter H, Chapter 101, Government Code, is
2-28 amended by adding Section 101.142 to read as follows:

2-29 Sec. 101.142. ADDITIONAL JUSTICE COURT FEE FOR COURT
2-30 FACILITIES COLLECTED BY CLERK. The clerk of a justice court in
2-31 Rockwall County shall collect an additional filing fee of not more
2-32 than \$15 under Section 51.709 in civil cases to fund the
2-33 construction, renovation, or improvement of court facilities, if
2-34 authorized by the county commissioners court.

2-35 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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